

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of: **Levan HIGASHIGAWA**

Group Art Unit: 2172

Serial No.: 09/923,543

Examiner: **Fred I EHICHIOYA**

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**For: LINK TREE FORMING APPARATUS, LINK TREE FORMING
METHOD, AND LINK TREE FORMING PROGRAM**

Attorney Docket No.: **011002**

Customer Number: **38834**

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450
Sir:

October 15, 2004

In response to the Examiner teleconference conducted on October 14, 2004, please
amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the claims begin on page 2 of this page.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 9 of this paper.